

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2777 - SB 2823

February 19, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises judicial and prosecutorial procedure for criminal cases in which the defendant used or threatened to use force against another person and asserts that the force used or threatened was justified. Grants the defendant in such cases the right to at least one hearing after being charged and at least one hearing following discovery to determine whether or not the force used or threatened was justified under applicable law. Entitles the defendant to attorney's fees, court costs, compensation for loss of income, and all expenses incurred in the defendant's defense if the court dismisses the criminal prosecution as a result of one of the hearings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Court Clerks Association, any fiscal impact to local courts is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, any fiscal impact to state courts is estimated to be absorbed within existing resources.
- It is assumed there will not be a sufficient amount of court dismissals to result in a significant increase in state or local government expenditures for awarding defendants' fees and expenses.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director